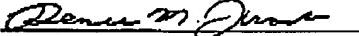




RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

Western Digital Corporation
20511 Lake Forest Drive, E118-G
Lake Forest, California 92630
Tel: 949.672.7000
Fax: 949.672.6604

APR 03 2006

TO: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, U.S. PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE FAX NO.: (571) 273-8300 (GENERAL/MAIN FAX LINE) NO. OF PAGES: Cover + 4		
CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on the date indicated below.		
Renee M. Franks <small>Typed/Printed Name</small>  <small>Signature</small> April 3, 2006 <small>Date</small>	APPLICATION NO. 10/004,100 FILING DATE 10/31/2001 FIRST NAMED INVENTOR Thomas D. Hanan ART UNIT 2186 CONFIRMATION NO. 9371 EXAMINER Matthew D. Anderson ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. K35A0989	
TITLE	DISK DRIVE AND METHOD FOR USING A MAILBOX FILE ASSOCIATED WITH A DISK STORAGE MEDIUM FOR PERFORMING A FUNCTION CHARACTERIZED BY CONTENTS OF THE MAILBOX FILE	

ATTACHED WITH THIS SUBMISSION:

1. Transmittal Form (1 page)
2. Submission of Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.56, 37 CFR 1.97(c), and 37 CFR 1.98 (2 pages)
3. Information Disclosure Statement / Form PTO/SB/08A (1 page)

PLEASE CONFIRM RECEIPT OF THIS TRANSMISSION. IF THERE IS ANY PROBLEM WITH THIS TRANSMISSION, PLEASE CALL RENEE M. FRANKS AT (949) 672-7871.

CONFIDENTIALITY NOTE

THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION MAY BE LEGALLY PRIVILEGED AND IS CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION INTENDED ONLY FOR THE USE OF THE INDIVIDUAL OR ENTITY NAMED ABOVE. IT IS EXEMPT FROM DISCLOSURE UNDER APPLICABLE LAW, INCLUDING COURT ORDERS, IF THE READER OF THIS MESSAGE IS NOT THE INTENDED RECIPIENT OR THE EMPLOYEE OR AGENT RESPONSIBLE FOR DELIVERING THIS FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION TO THE INTENDED RECIPIENT. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT ANY USE, DISSEMINATION, DISTRIBUTION OR COPY OF THIS FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION OR ITS INFORMATION IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED. IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED THIS FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION IN ERROR, PLEASE IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY US BY TELEFAX OR TELEPHONE USING THE ABOVE NUMBERS AND AIRMAIL THIS FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION BACK TO US IMMEDIATELY. THANK YOU.

Y:\IP PROGRAM_K35A\FILESA0900-A0999\A0989\PTOVA0989_Faxcover USPTO_03.doc

BEST AVAILABLE COPY

PTO/SB/21 (09-04)

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

**TRANSMITTAL
FORM**

(to be used for all correspondence after initial filing.)

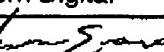
Total Number of Pages in This Submission

Application Number	10/004,100
Filing Date	10/31/2001
First Named Inventor	Thomas D. Hanan
Art Unit	2186
Examiner Name	Matthew D. Anderson
Attorney Docket Number	K35A0989

RECEIVED
APR 8 3 2006**ENCLOSURES (Check all that apply)**

<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached	<input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers	<input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication to TC <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to TC (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief) <input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information <input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below): <input type="checkbox"/> Submission of Information <input type="checkbox"/> Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.56, 37 CFR 1.97(c), and 37 CFR 1.98 (2 pages).
<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply <input type="checkbox"/> After Final <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Petition <input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation <input type="checkbox"/> Change of Correspondence Address	
<input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request	<input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer	
<input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request	<input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement	<input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Table on CD	
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)	Remarks	
<input type="checkbox"/> Reply to Missing Parts/ Incomplete Application <input type="checkbox"/> Reply to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53		

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT

Firm Name	Western Digital		
Signature			
Printed name	Jason T. Evans, Esq.		
Date	April 3, 2006	Reg. No.	57,862

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION/MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below:

Signature			
Typed or printed name	Renee M. Franks	Date	April 3, 2006

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.5. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.

BEST AVAILABLE COPY

PTO/SB/DBA (08-03)

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449/PTO

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet 1 of 1

© 2010 Pearson Education, Inc.

U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Signature _____ **Date Considered** _____

***EXAMINER:** Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.

DECT AVAILABILITY COPY

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

APR 6 2006

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of: Thomas D. Hanan

Art Unit: 2186

Serial No.: 10/004,100

Examiner: Matthew D.
Anderson

Filing Date: 10/31/2001

Confirmation No.: 9371

For: DISK DRIVE AND METHOD FOR
USING A MAILBOX FILE ASSOCIATED
WITH A DISK STORAGE MEDIUM FOR
PERFORMING A FUNCTION
CHARACTERIZED BY CONTENTS OF
THE MAILBOX FILE

Docket No.: K35A0989

SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.56
37 CFR §1.97(c) and 37 CFR §1.98

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In complying with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR §1.56, Applicants submit the enclosed Information Disclosure Statement. Applicants certify that no item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and no item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was known to any individual designated in §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review all of the references submitted herewith and enter each as a matter of record herein. Applicants further request that a signed and initialed copy of the form PTO/SB/08 be returned to Applicants' mailing address.

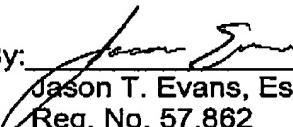
Art Unit 2186
Serial No. 10/004,100

PATENT
Attorney Docket No.: K35A0989

No fee is believed to be due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this Communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1209.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: April 3, 2006

By: 
Jason T. Evans, Esq.
Reg. No. 57,862

WESTERN DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES, INC.
20511 Lake Forest Drive
Lake Forest, CA 92630
Tel.: (949) 672-7000
Fax: (949) 672-6604